

## ATTORNEY IN CASE TELLS OF PARDON

Iowa Lawyer Received Five Thousand Dollars From Father of Convicted Man.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 25.—George Clark, an Ida Grove attorney, testified at the Iowa house judiciary committee's investigation of the Rathbun pardon case that when he received \$5,000 from William Rathbun for obtaining the pardon for his son, Ernest, "nothing was said about what he was to do with the money."

The senior Rathbun in an affidavit introduced by Attorney General Haver at last Friday's session of the committee, asserted he gave Clark the \$5,000 in currency with the expressed understanding it was to go to Governor Harding for the pardon.

Clark testified that after young Rathbun's conviction for criminal assault and sentence to life imprisonment, the youth's father came to him and asked what could be done.

"I told him I would take care of an appeal and try to get a pardon for the boy," Clark continued. "I said it would not cost more than \$5,000. That was agreeable to them. Nothing was said about what I was to do with the money as that was not a question in the case."

H. W. Byers, special counsel for the committee, asked if there was not some "talk about your wanting the money in currency," to which Clark replied:

"I did not mention it. Rathbun's father told me that he wanted to pay it in cash so the banks would not know just how much it was costing him."

## FUTURE GENERATION BE SORRY FOR US

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sitting alongside one of these piles of rock beating rock by rock in small bits. When he has a shovel full he goes to the nearest hole and fills it. You wonder at the slowness of their method but have to take off your hat to the road you are on. We boast of how we would crush this rock in America, but we can't do it for fear some Frenchman might ask us something about our roads. These roads are built for future generations as well as for the present. They are well drained, well graded and all along the roads trees are planted. It is openly said here that good roads saved France and I believe it. As you see these big trucks in convoys seeming never to cease, you can't help but think what would happen if the Germans were at the Savannah river and we had to haul our supplies in January and February from Anderson to the front. I'm afraid the boys would starve to

death and the cannon go without munitions if we had to depend upon our roads to supply them. It is also laughable here to see the little donkeys about two feet high pulling a cart and a load including a big Frenchman, but we dare not laugh, for the donkeys gets there just the same. In Anderson you couldn't see the little donkey after he left the pavement on Market street. Enough of that, but I can't persuade myself that our big mules have much on these little donkeys when you consider the difference in the roads they have to pull. I think our roads are fit subjects for the society for prevention of cruelty to animals, but I never see the little donkey seem to be imposed upon.

"I only wish that I could be there to help in the effort to put over whatever is necessary to attain good roads for Anderson county. Our roads are as good as could be expected with the money expended on them, and I feel like congratulating our commissioners on the work they have done with the funds available, but we need to wake up and spend some money on our roads. Keep up the good work and don't throw the boys into the mud when they get back home."

## NEW REVENUE ACT AFFECTS TAXPAYER

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the amount in excess of \$10 per pair; men's and boys' neckties and neckwear on the amount in excess of \$2 each; men's and boys' silk stockings sun shade in the amount in excess of \$1 per pair; women's and misses' silk stockings and hose on the amount in excess of \$2 per pair; men's shirts on the amount in excess of \$3 each; men's, women's, misses' and boys' pajamas, night gowns and underwear on the amount in excess of \$5 each; kimonos, petticoats and waists on the amount in excess of \$15 each.

In effect on and after April 1, 1919, upon all articles commonly or commercially known as jewelry, whether real or imitation, pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, and imitations thereof, etc. Upon any of these articles when sold by or for a dealer for consumption or use, a tax equivalent to 5 per cent of the price for which so sold.

It was stated by the collector that any person or firm that would be liable to any of the above taxes should immediately write the collector, so that his name could be placed upon the mailing list and proper blank be sent him upon which to make report of taxes due. If there is more than one liability, each such should be stated as there will be separate blanks for all classes of taxes, even though some are given in the same sections.

## ALLIES CANNOT SETTLE FATE OF ENTIRE WORLD

Paris Temps Says Peace Conference Should Solve Essential Problems First.

Paris, March 27.—New measures must be taken by the peace conference in view of the situation in Hungary and other parts of the central empire, the Temps says. The newspaper suggests the following program for the conference:

"The allies can no longer pretend to settle entirely the fate of the entire world, but they must feel it is their absolute duty to solve some essential questions and agree on a policy which will permit the reduction of the allied military forces and the gradual abolishment of chaos.

"The frontiers of Germany have to be fixed and decisions have to be taken with regard to Italian demands. The question in which Belgium is interested have to be solved as well as the territorial claims of the Czechs. The Poles, Jugo-slavs and Rumanians have to be conciliated. Common danger will make it easier. It is necessary to say what the allies have a right to demand payment for and to stipulate guarantees for this payment. It must be decided whether parts of Germany will or will not be occupied.

"The league of nations must be established if it is needed to bind the allies together and to continue the work of the peace conference. These are the chief questions which a peace treaty ought soon to solve.

"The German government may refuse to sign or may declare before hand it can not accept discussions on the basis fixed by the allies. Whether Germany gives or refuses her signature and whether we are to attempt to negotiate with her or not, should not paralyze us. The parliaments of the allied countries are qualified to sanction the final act of the peace conference and must sanction it."

## PLAN PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS MEET

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these exercises, there will also be pulled off another event of interest, though to some folk considerable pathetic in its nature. The funeral and interment services of Van Lingle, Will Twitty and Joe Connors, the present county board of education, will occur behind the court house near R. B. Allison's law office, directly after the speaking and other exercises of the teachers' association, Prof. Andrew C. Rowell, officiating.

## GOVERNMENT BACKS UP EXPORT TRADE

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foreign business interest however. The rate of interest to be charged is determined largely by the legal provision that it must be at least 1 per cent more than the prevailing discount rate on 90-day commercial paper, at present 4 3/4 per cent. This would make the minimum rate of the corporation 5 3/4 per cent; \$50,000,000 is the maximum which the corporation may advance to any single business organization.

Eighty export organizations, consisting of groups of manufacturers have notified the federal trade commission of their intention to operate under provisions of the Webb act.

Among the principal commodities represented in the export associations already developing are:

Steel, copper, lumber of various kind, textiles, automobiles, machinery of various styles, raw cotton, sugar, magnesite, paper, tanning materials, phosphate, oil and munitions. One association would limit its foreign trade to clothes pins.

## WOMEN VOTERS ARE TO HAVE LEAGUE

Movement Will Be Independent of Any Party and Will Not Indorse Platforms.

St. Louis, March 27.—Formation of a league of women voters was assured here Tuesday afternoon when delegates to the jubilee convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association voted unanimously for such an organization.

That the league is to be non-partisan was assured by the adoption of a recommendation containing a resolution stating that the national association "shall not affiliate with any political party, not indorse the platform of any party nor support or oppose any political candidates unless such action shall be recommended by the board of directors." The resolution, however, does not limit the liberty of action of any member as an individual.

When the recommendation came

up that the association "continue to support and indorse the federal amendment which has been pending before congress for 40 years," Miss Laura M. Clay, a delegate from Kentucky, objected. She proposed that certain sections be amended with particular reference to those parts that would permit enfranchisement of negro women of the south.

With three delegates voting "no" the convention voted to support the amendment in the original form, but the congressional committee was authorized to formulate changes in the wording.

Other recommendations were adopted including one providing for the next convention to be held February 1920, a centennial celebration of the birthday of Susan B. Anthony.

Women of the 26 states that have granted the vote adopted a resolution urging the Missouri state legislature to pass the senate bill which would grant suffrage to Missouri women.

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